

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Patent Office for the careful attention accorded this Application and respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the Amendment above and remarks set forth below.

Applicants have canceled claims 1-36 without prejudice or disclaimer, and added new rewritten Claims 120-126 based on the canceled claim 1 and some of the limitations recited in US Patent Nos. 6,283,375 and 6,595,420 to Applicants. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuation Applications based on the canceled claims.

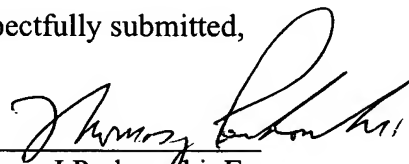
In order to avoid any basis for rejection under Applicants earlier US Patents, Applicants have submitted herewith a Terminal Disclaimer under Rule 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c) to avoid any basis for rejection under the obviousness-type double-patenting doctrine, should the Examiner deem this the case.

None of the prior art of record, alone or in-combination with each other, disclose, teach or suggest the present invention defined by the rewritten claims.

In view therefore, of the Amendment and Remarks set forth above, the present invention defined by new rewritten Claims 120-126 is firmly believed to be neither anticipated by, nor rendered obvious in view of the prior art of record, and that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

Favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



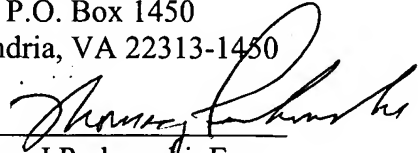
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